

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated July 1, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated the affidavit filed under 37 CFR 1.131 has been considered but is ineffective to overcome the Carroll reference because all the inventors' signatures were not included. The Applicants reviewed their file in this matter. The originally executed 1.131 affidavits with exhibits are over 109 pages. It appears that one of the sets of 1.131 declarations, filed in triplicate, one for each inventor, was not received by the Examiner. The Applicants' representative, Jon Gibbons, spoke with the Examiner on Wednesday, July 6, 2005. The parties confirmed that all the pages were not received by the Examiner. A substitute copy of the signatures of each inventor is submitted herewith and the parties agreed that the resubmission of the exhibits (nearly 100 pages) would not be required.

Accordingly, the Applicants hereby submit a new affidavit under 37CFR § 1.131 stating and including evidence that the present invention was conceived and reduced to practice prior to the effective date of Carroll. Applicants submit that Carroll is now removed as a reference under 102 and 103.


Applicants respectfully submit that all of the grounds for rejection stated in the Examiner's Office Action have been overcome, and that all claims in the application are allowable. No new matter has been added. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

PLEASE CALL the undersigned if that would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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